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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Applicant's Response/Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. In view of the applicant's argument filed on 01/238/08, the Examiner withdraws 112, 2nd rejections to the claims.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's arguments, see Remark, pages 7-10, filed 01/28/08, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-20 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection under 103(a) has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of 112, 2nd paragraph rejection and 101 rejections are made.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 11, and 18 provides for the use of testing the integrity of a memory with defective sections (see Applicant's specification paragraph 0008), but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process "about the memory with defective sections", it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced.

Claims 2-10, 12-17, 19 and 20 depend from claims 1, 11 and 18 and inherently include limitations therein and therefore are rejected as well.

4. Claims 1, 11 and 18 recite, "comparing the testing results for each of the plurality of operating environments and if the results are the same, the memory is determined to have integrity". It is not clear how the results of each of the operating environments are the same and the same results for each of the plurality of operating environments affect to determine the memory to have integrity. Furthermore, there is also one condition, for example, to satisfy for the memory to have integrity not to not have integrity if the testing result is not the same.

Claims 2-10, 12-17, 19 and 20 depend from claims 1, 11 and 18 and inherently include limitations therein and therefore are rejected as well.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

5. Claims 1, 11, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed recitation of a use, without setting forth any steps involved in the process, results in an improper definition of a process, i.e., results in a claim which is not a proper process claim under 35 U.S.C. 101. See for example *Ex parte Dunki*, 153 USPQ 678 (Bd.App. 1967) and *Clinical Products, Ltd. v. Brenner*, 255 F. Supp. 131, 149 USPQ 475 (D.D.C. 1966).

Claims 2-10, 12-17, 19 and 20 depend from claims 1, 11 and 18 and inherently include limitations therein and therefore are rejected as well.

Allowable subject matter

6. Claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph rejection and 101 rejection, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The examiner would like to point out that to overcome the type of 112, 2nd paragraph rejection the claims need to be amended to include for example, in claim 1, line 6, "repeatedly testing the same memory with defective sections" and after line 13 (the end of the claim) "if not the memory with defective sections is declared to not have the integrity". Note: The 101 rejection would overcome if the 112, 2nd rejection are overcome by amending the claims.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Esaw T. Abraham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3812. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques Louis-Jacques can be reached on (571) 272-6962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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